

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Shogo ISHII, et al.

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For: BACKUP SYSTEM, BACKUP METHOD, PROGRAM FOR BACKUP,
AND BACKUP SERVICE PROVISION SYSTEM

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 22, 2006, and prior to evaluation
on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of
this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.